(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS facility is provided to all the Government servants in the country including the Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, whether there is any provision for providing this facility to staff of MPs who are drawing salaries from Parliament Secretariat; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Only Central Government Employees and pensioners drawing their salary and pension from civil estimates, Members of Parliament, Ex-MPs, ex-governors, freedom fighters etc., are eligible for CGHS facilities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Since they are not Central Government Employees/Pensioners drawing salary/pension from civil estimates they are not eligible for CGHS facility.

Medical facilities to Government employees

71. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the medical facilities provided to retired/serving Government employees in Government and private hospitals;

(b) whether in emergency can they go to any hospital;

(c) whether that hospital can refuse treatment and whether any such case has come to notice; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) OPD and IPD facilities are extended to Central Government employees who are CGHS beneficiaries both in Government and private hospitals empanelled with the CGHS. In the case of Serving Govt employees not covered by CGHS, the provisions of CS(MA) Rules, 1944 apply. Retired officials not covered by CGHS are not covered by CS(MA) Rules 1944. Pensioners who are staying in non-CGHS areas can get CGHS cards made in their names after making the appropriate contribution for IPD facilities. In addition they are entitled to an amount of Rs.100/- (Rupees one hundred only) as Fixed Medical Allowance for day to day OPD expenses. Beneficiaries under CS(MA) Rules, 1944, can avail, on the advice of the Authorised Medical Attendant treatment in private hospitals after getting approval from the Organisation in which they are working.

(b) CS(MA) Rules/CGHS beneficiary can go to any hospital under emergent conditions.

(c) and (d) In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement signed by each of the private hospital with the CGHS at the time of its empanelment, they are liable to action leading even to cancellation of their empanelment with the CGHS for violation of any of the term of the agreement.